

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION & POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe we are the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

REMOVAL OF POST-RIE POLYMER ON Al/Cu METAL LINE

the specification of which
 is attached hereto, and
 _____ was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____
 and was amended on _____ (if applicable)

Listing of named inventor(s): Ravikumar RAMACHANDRAN; Wesley NATZLE; Martin GUTSCHE; Hiroyuki AKATSU; Chien YU

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Codes, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S) Priority claimed

(Number)	(Country)	(Day/month/year filed)	Yes	No
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I hereby claim the benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

09/061,565 (Application Serial No.)	April 16, 1998 (Filing date)	Pending (Status) (patented, pending, abandoned)
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